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From: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/28/2017 8:26:01 PM
To: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: AMY/NANCY: From CBS News re Wilmington, NC and GenX

That works, thanks.

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On Jun 28, 2017, at 4:24 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:17 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: AMY/NANCY: From CBS News re Wilmington, NC and GenX

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Note to Amy: Story aired on Monday. This issue is fluid and the sampling is continuing. We don't want to compromise the investigation by going into further details at this time.

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Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>

Date: June 28, 2017 at 4:12:36 PM EDT
To: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: From CBS News re Wilmington, NC and GenX

Please make sure we meet her deadline for a comment.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: From CBS News re Wilmington, NC and GenX

Nancy and I are handling.

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Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: "Janisch, Jennifer" <JanischJ@cbsnews.com>
Date: June 28, 2017 at 4:07:38 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: From CBS News re Wilmington, NC and GenX

From: Janisch, Jennifer
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:07 PM
To: 'Jones, Enesta' <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: From CBS News re Wilmington, NC and GenX

Ernesta, is the EPA not going to comment on my below questions?

From: Janisch, Jennifer
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 12:10 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: From CBS News re Wilmington, NC and GenX

Hi Enesta,

Can you please reply to my below questions? Many thanks.

From: Janisch, Jennifer
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:33 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: From CBS News re Wilmington, NC and GenX

Thank you Enesta.

Will this investigation also examine the discharge of GenX as a byproduct of the production of vinyl ether into the Cape Fear River, as referenced by Chemours representatives last week?

As you might know, it is the company's position that they are not required to recapture that chemical if it is a byproduct.

Is this true? If so, why does EPA regulate the discharge of the chemical when manufactured, but does not regulate the discharge of the chemical when it is a byproduct?

What accounts for this difference in regulatory standards?

Jennifer Janisch
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On Jun 20, 2017, at 4:27 PM, Jones, Enesta
<Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jennifer,

Please attribute our statement below to an agency spokesperson:

EPA is committed to protecting public health and supporting states and public water systems as the appropriate steps to address the presence of GenX in drinking water are determined.

EPA has initiated an investigation into Chemours's compliance with a 2009 order issued under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for the production of GenX. This investigation will allow EPA to determine whether Chemours is in compliance with requirements of the order to control releases to the environment at the Fayetteville, N.C., facility. EPA is also reviewing the additional toxicity data submitted by the company, as required under the consent order, and updating the risk assessment using the additional toxicity data specific to GenX. At the request of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), EPA has agreed to perform independent laboratory analysis for GenX in some of the water samples being collected by NCDEQ at 13 locations in the Cape Fear River over the next three weeks.

Background

- Typically, EPA investigates potential TSCA noncompliance through a review of production and environmental controls records required by any rule or

order and, as needed, an on-site inspection. EPA may also use information requests to inform our investigation.

- When EPA issued the consent order, the risk assessment for GenX was informed by available toxicity data for GenX and analogous substances such as PFOA (also known as C8). The consent order required the company to conduct additional toxicity testing on GenX.
- EPA has received the data from Chemours and is using it to update its risk assessment.
- Chemours agreed to bear all costs for the water collection and testing. The samples are being sent to a private laboratory in Colorado, and the EPA Office of Research and Development laboratory in Research Triangle Park, NC for independent verification.

NCDEQ believes the completed results will be back from the laboratory in Colorado within four weeks from when the samples are received. EPA is working to determine a timeline for its analysis.

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, EPA undertakes extensive evaluations of contaminants and uses the best available peer reviewed science to identify and regulate contaminants that present meaningful opportunities for health risk reduction.

The agency is working closely with the states and public water systems to determine the appropriate next steps to ensure public health protection.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Janisch, Jennifer [<mailto:JanischJ@cbsnews.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: From CBS News re Wilmington, NC and GenX

Good afternoon,

I understand EPA just released a statement about this issue and is launching an investigation. Can you send me the statement please? Thank you.

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